THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a)

| Year | At current prices (Rs. crores) | At constant prices (Rs. crores) |
|---|---|---|
| 2002-03 | 120062 | 75841 |
| 2003-04 | 132498 | 80550 |

(b) Sectoral growth rates of GSDP

| Sector | Year 2002-03 | Year 2003-04 |
|---|---|---|
| Primary | -6.4 | -5.0 |
| Secondary | 9.4 | 6.9 |
| Teirtary | 9.0 | 10.9 |
| TOTAL GSDP | 5.3 | 6.2 |

(c) Good monsoons which almost ended the three consecutive droughts in major parts of the State resulting in agriculture and allied sectors registering a positive growth of 8.6% over negative growth in 2002-03 and 2001-02.

(d) 7.8%.

(e) 7th position during 2002-03.

**Labour oriented development in the country**

†2575. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a need of labour oriented development in the country;

(b) if so, reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether Government have taken a decision of giving priority to labour oriented industrial policy for the development of the country;

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(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the reasons for not giving priority to labour orientation for foreign capital investment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) and (b) The Tenth Plan has identified labour intensive sectors and sub-sectors in the economy, which should be developed for creation of employment opportunities.

(c) and (d) Main objectives of the Industrial Policy of the Government include enhancement of gainful employment and optimal utilization of human resources. Government will fully protect the interests of labour, enhance their welfare and equip them in all respects to deal with the inevitability of technological change.

Promotion and development of Small Scale Industries (SSI) sector has been conscious policy of the Government as the sector is the major contributor to generation of employment opportunities in the country. Policy Package for SSI sector provides fiscal and credit support, better infrastructure and market facilities and incentives for technology upgradation.

(e) Promotion of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) forms an integral part of India's economic policies. The role of FDI in accelerating economic growth is by way of infusion of capital, technology and modern management practices which generates more employment.

**Employment to 2.5 crore people**

†2576. SHRI ISAM SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether 2.5 crore children are born every year in India; and

(b) whether Government have prepared any policy to provide employment to 2.5 crore people every year and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Employment strategy for the Tenth Five Year Plan takes note of the

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